



Washington County Transit Committee

October 14, 2020

Agenda

- Public comment survey results to date
- Rural service needs and alternatives
- Regional coordination service needs and alternatives
- STIF Discretionary Grants
- Ride Connection outreach
- Public comment
- Next steps



Goal today

- Solicit input on additional outreach opportunities
- Solicit input on priorities for both the near term 2 year biennium to submit for funding and input on longer term 5 year improvements



Public comment summary

- 85 responses to date (81 English, 4 Spanish)
- Majority of respondents used transit less than 1-3 time/month pre-COVID
- 55% of respondents say they are neutral or likely to use Ride Connection/transit in future
- Expanded service is top ranking priority

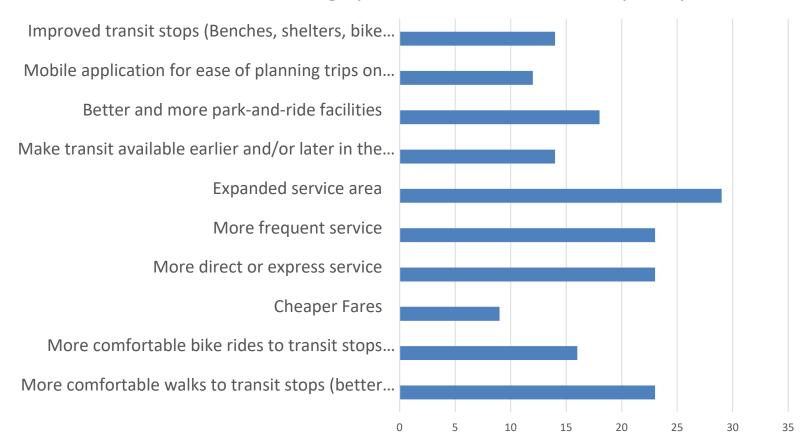
"I did not know there were 2 transit stops in Banks until this survey."

¡Ayuda!

"Absolutely no public transportation near southern Cornelius."

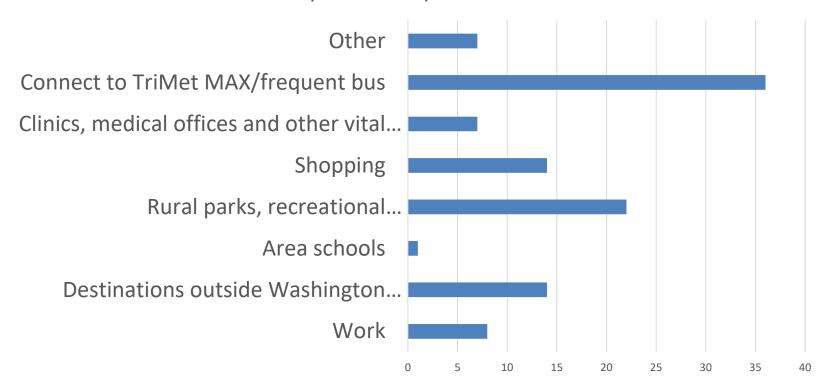


What would encourage you to use transit more frequently?





To which of the following locations would you like to travel using public transportation?





Outreach

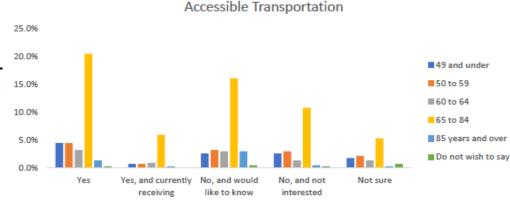
- Social media
- Media buys (Spanish language)
- County and partner interested parties lists
- CPOs and other community newsletters
- Business recovery centers
- Other? (we'd like to document your efforts too)



DAVS survey results show:

 Accessible transportation is #2 need

 Over 15% of people (65 – 85 yr old) would like info about accessible transportation



 Sources of information most useful: family and friends, online, health care provider, television.





Infrastructure and capital needs

Bus stops

- ADA-compliant landing pads
- Shelters, benches, or seats
- Signs, wayfinding

Other capital

- Trip planning platform
- Vehicles
- EV charging infrastructure





westLink

Add weekend service

More frequent weekday

service

Modify route











Rural work force shuttle

- More service in Gaston, south of Forest Grove/Hillsboro
- New service north of Forest Grove/Hillsboro
- Serve more businesses in Forest Grove
- Add weekend service







Marketing

- Lack of awareness
- Better coordination between service providers
- Trip planning tools





Inter-regional coordination

- Add stops
- Add service
- Better coordinate stops





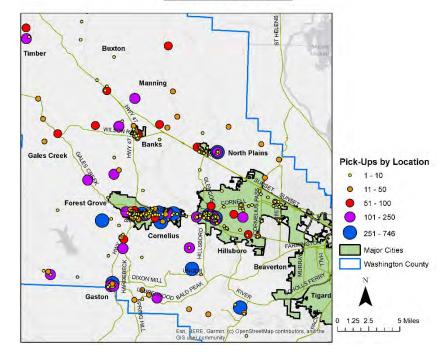




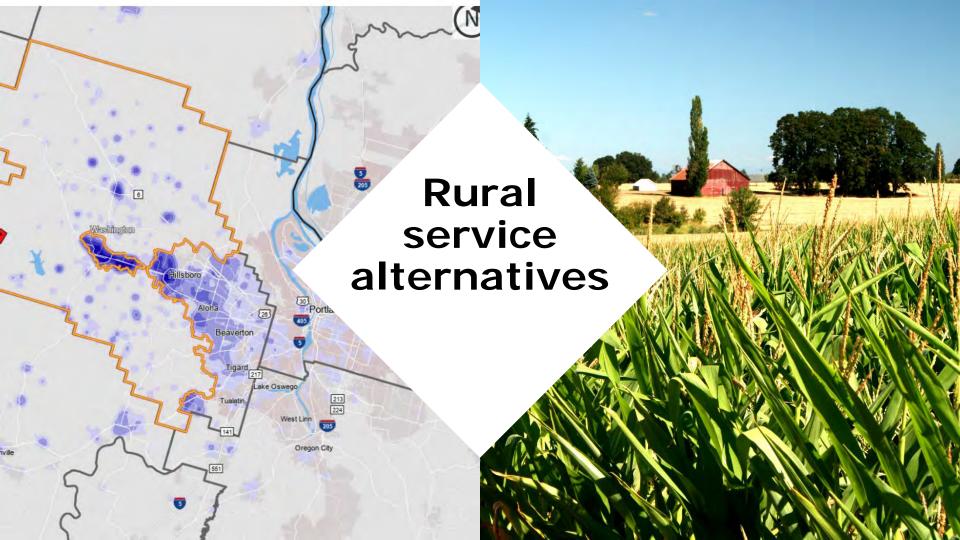
Other needs

- Access rural recreation
- Expand coverage to respond to demand

Rural Washington County Doorto-Door Pick-Ups Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019







FY 21 Budget - Rural

Program	Description	Budget
WestLink	2 additional midday runs	\$98,000
Demand Response	Expand service	\$103,000
Interregional Coordination	Connections with Tillamook, Columbia and Yamhill County providers	\$23,500
Rural Workforce Shuttle	Operations – new service	\$50,000
Marketing	Traditional and digital marketing campaign	\$15,000
Administration	Review program records, audit financial records	\$10,000
Total		\$299,500



Rural alternatives

Program	FY22-23	FY24+
westLink	X	
Demand Response		
Interregional Coordination	XXX Expand and promote, reflect survey – connect to TriMet, adjacent counties, fare reciprocity	
Rural Workforce Shuttle	XX Need to be implemented and monitor, improved access to jobs	Plan to expand/adjust
New pilot * * New service to respond to demand Serve parks and recreation areas Agritourism connections Link Seniors/low-income families to FDNP farm sites	Quality of life, near-term should focus on safety net	X
Capital and infrastructure Stop, vehicles, technology	XX Improved trip planner, seamless across devices	
Marketing	XXXX continuous and with new service, additional language translations	



^{**}Planning and feasibility study needed



FY 21 Budget – Reg. Coord.

Program	Description	Budget
Operations	GroveLink, N. Hillsboro Link and Tualatin Shuttle	\$1,138,349
Marketing	Traditional and digital marketing campaign	\$15,000
Administration	Review program records, audit financial records	\$15,000
Total		\$1,168,349



Near-term (FY22-23)

- No new revenue
- Maintain planned services
- Seek additional revenue



Longer-term (FY24+) service alternatives

- Expand existing shuttles
 - Community circulator shuttle in Tualatin**
 - Further service expansion in Cornelius
- Add new service
 - South Beaverton, Copper Mountain, and Progress Ridge area
 - Metzger/Washington Square/Tigard industrial service **
 - South Hillsboro service**
 - North Bethany service**

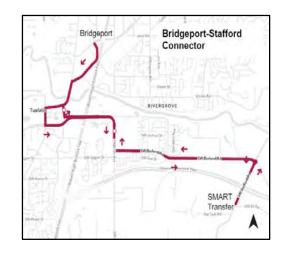


Map of shuttles

STIF Discretionary proposals

Project	Cost
Community connector shuttle	\$325,000
stop enhancements	
I-205 Transit Corridor:	\$862,650
Connecting Tualatin to	
Oregon City	







Upcoming public comment

Ride Connection service enhancements

- Online survey
 - Door to door expansion
 - WestLink service
 - GroveLink



Public Comment

- Up to 3 minutes



Next Steps

- Oct. 28
 - Review public comment
 - Seek recommendation for Board and submission to TriMet in November
 - project priorities for FY22-23 biennium

